

Application No.: 10/675,039  
Reply to Office Action of July 22, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to point out that the system includes:

a cache memory manager, adapted to receive queries from the plurality of directors, such cache memory manager having therein a memory for storing a map maintaining a relationship between data stored in the cache memory and data stored in the disk drives;

wherein the cache memory manager receives the queries from the plurality of directors and operates independently of the plurality of directors in processing such queries to determine for the querying directors whether data to be read from the disk drives, or data to be written to the disk drives, resides in the cache memory; (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that Arimilli et al., do not have a cache memory manager, adapted to receive queries from the plurality of directors, such cache memory manager having therein a memory for storing a map maintaining a relationship between data stored in the cache memory and data stored in the disk drives wherein the cache memory manager receives the queries from the plurality of directors and operates independently of the plurality of directors in processing such queries to determine for the querying directors whether data to be read from the disk drives, or data to be written to the disk drives, resides in the cache memory, as set forth in claim 1.

Further, claim 1 points out the system includes a packet switching network and that the system includes that four elements (i.e., (1) the cache memory manager; (2) the plurality of front end directors; (3) the plurality of back end directors; and (4) the cache memory) interconnected through the packet switching network. With Dobecki, all four elements set forth above are not connected to the common packet switching network.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error pointed out by the Examiner.

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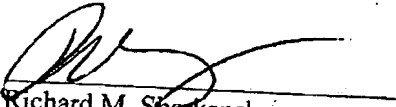
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